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Nelson R. Holcomb et al.

**Serial Number: 09/900,084****Filed: July 5, 2001****Entitled: A BUFFER COMPOSITION AND METHOD FOR**  
**HYBRIDIZATION OF MICROARRAYS ON ADSORBED**  
**POLYMER SILICEOUS SURFACES****From: Elizabeth E. Leitereg, Reg. No. 34,101**  
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## PATENT APPLICATION

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Examiner: Arun K. Chakrabarti

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Title: A BUFFER COMPOSITION AND METHOD FOR HYBRIDIZATION OF MICROARRAYS ON  
ADSORBED POLYMER SILICEOUS SURFACES

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Dear Sir:

A Final Office Action mailed March 11, 2003 was received for the above-referenced patent application. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration in light of the Remarks below. A Certificate of Transmission via facsimile is provided on the last page of this document.